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House Resolution No. 475

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives realize that the rank of Eagle Scout is a performance-based achievement, the proud standards of which have been well maintained for many years; and

Whereas, Matthew Joseph Thornton of Clinton, Missouri, will receive the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor ceremony to be held on February 27, 2005, at the First Christian Church; and

Whereas, Matthew, a member of Boy Scout Troop 430, successfully met the requirements to attain Eagle status by completing his Eagle project which involved removing over-grown shrubs, rock, and bushes on two sides of the Henry County Library where he also laid bricks around four flower beds; and

Whereas, during his years in Scouting, Matthew mastered several challenging and diverse skills to earn the Arrow of Light, twenty-two merit badges, CPR and First Aid certification, and the status of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, where he has taken the tribal name Little Darting Yellow Hornet; and

Whereas, Matthew demonstrated his capability and willingness to exert leadership by fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Troop Bugler; and

Whereas, the son of Holly Thornton and the late Mark Thornton, Matthew developed immense personal growth and fitness by participating in the many assorted activities the Boy Scouts offers; and

Whereas, Matthew's attainment of the Eagle rank will be recognized at all levels of our society as being a great achievement that required considerable dedication and effort:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Matthew Thornton for the steadfast determination he displayed in his pursuit to attain the rank of Eagle and in wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Eagle Scout Matthew Joseph Thornton.

Offered by

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| Representative Shannon Cooper |
| District No. 120 |
| I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 475, adopted February 10, 2005. |
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| Rod Jetton, Speaker |